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TAGS: OVIP, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, MX

SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA VISIT TO LONDON

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1. BEFORE AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG DEPARTED POST APRIL 4, HE MADE SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE SPEECH GIVEN BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AT THE STATE BANQUET IN HIS HONOR THE PREVIOUS EVENING. THE AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS AMONG THE GUESTS, SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY TWO PASSAGES WHICH ECHEVERRIA DELIVERED WITH EVIDENT CONVICTION. THEY HAD TO DO WITH MEXICO'S HISTORICAL EVOLUTION WHICH ECHEVERRIA CHARACTERIZED AS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF DECOLONIALIZATION. THE OTHER REFERRED TO BRITAIN'S ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THE TREATY

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OF TLATELOLCO WHICH SUSTAINED THE PRINCIPLE OF DE-NUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA. ECHEVERRIA'S REMARKS ARE TRANSMITTED BELOW IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

2. ECHEVERRIA IS FOLLOWING THE USUAL PATTERN OF STATE VISITS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND GETTING FAIR MEDIA COVERAGE. WE WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OR DEVELOPMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE AS THEY OCCUR.

3. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR MAJESTY: MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU, THOUGH SOMEWHAT IN ADVANCE, ON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR CORONATION, AND EXPRESS MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS, AND THAT OF YOUR FAMILY, AND OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THE HOSPITALITY WE HAVE BEEN SHOWN BY THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES AND PEOPLE. THE SPLENDID RECEPTION I HAVE BEEN GIVEN IS ELOQUENT EVIDENCE OF THE CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR NATIONS.

YOUR WORDS HAVE SHOWN A KEEN UNDERSTANDING OF MY COUNTRY THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY. THE HEIR OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS, AND THE PRODUCT OF THE FRUITFUL BLENDING OF MEN AND IDEAS OF DIFFERENT CONTINENTS, MEXICO HAS THE CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES THAT ARE THE RESULT OF ITS IRREVOCABLE DEDICATION TO INDEPENDENCE.

OUR HISTORY IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. THANKS TO FAR-REACHING REVOLUTIONS, WE HAVE EFFACED A PAST OF SERVITUDE AND HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, WE WERE THE OBJECT OF THE AMBITION AND AGGRESSIONS OF GREAT POWERS.

OUR SOVEREIGN DECISION LED US TO AFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COEXISTENCE THAT HAVE BEEN OUR PERMANENT STANDARD OF CONDUCT; RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION, EQUALITY OF ALL STATES BEFORE THE LAW, THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSIES, AND EQUITABLE COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS.

GREAT BRITAIN HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO FORMS OF EXISTENCE THAT HAVE EXERCISED A DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON THE COURSE OF MAN'S HISTORY. WE NEED ONLY BRING TO MIND HER LONG STRUGGLE FOR LIBERTY, AND THE HISTORICAL PROCESS THAT ENABLED HER TO BUILD THE FIRST DEMOCRACY OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MODERN WORLD.

THE MAGNA CARTA IS THE INEVITABLE POINT OF REFERENCE FOR ALL LATER CONSTITUTIONS, AND ENGLISH POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IS THE ORIGINAL MODEL FOR TODAY'S REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THE INVENTION OF CODES AND LAWS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE GREATEST POLITICAL VIRTUE OF THIS PEOPLE, FOR THIS LIES RATHER IN THE PROFOUND IDENTIFICATION THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THEIR INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE, BETWEEN CIVIL LIBERTIES AS AN ABSTRACT FORMULA AND THE NATURAL AND DAILY EXERCISE OF THESE LIBERTIES.

THIS SOCIETY HAS CREATED A PROUD CITIZEN CONSENT IN HIS BELIEFS. DURING ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PERIODS OF WORLD WAR II, IT WAS THE REDOUBT OF THE DEFENDERS OF CIVILIZATION, AND THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN BECAME THE SYMBOL OF THE VIGOUR AND TENACITY OF A PEOPLE WELL-VERSED IN COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

THE EVOLUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN IS MARKED BY THE DELIBERATELY MAINTAINED BALANCE BETWEEN ITS TRADITIONAL

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VALUES AND ITS CONSTANT ZEAL FOR RENOVATION. A PIONEER OF THE INDUSTRIAL CIVILIZATION, TODAY SHE MAKES OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE AND THE ENRICHMENT OF CULTURE.

THE GUIDELINES OF HER FOREIGN POLICY ARE THE PRODUCT OF A WELL- CONCEIVED COMBINATION OF WISDOM AND REALISM. LONG BEFORE OTHER NATIONS, SHE PERCEIVES THE TRUE MEANING OF HISTORICAL PROCESSES AND ADOPTS RADICAL DECISIONS THAT ALLOW HER TO BECOME A PART OF THEM.

MEXICO IS PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF THE TREATY OF TLAZOLTEPEC, WHICH SUSTAINS THE PRINCIPLE OF DE- NUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA AND CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF UNIVERSAL PACE.

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TREATY OF TLAZOLTEPEC, GREAT BRITAIN MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO FREE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD FROM THE ATOMIC MENACE, TOOK A DECISIVE STEP IN THE PROCESS OF WORLD DISARMAMENT, AND PROVIDED AN INCENTIVE FOR OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS TO FOLLOW IN HER STEPS.

IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, ENGAGED AS THEY ARE IN THE ENORMOUS TASK OF RENOVATING THEIR SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND ATTAINING FULL DEVELOPMENT, TO ELIMINATE ANY FACTOR THAT COULD THREATEN PEACE OR OBSTRUCT INTERNATIONAL CO- OPERATION.

AN UNARMED, BUT UNJUST, PEACE WOULD BE PRECARIOUS. THE CONTROL OR ELIMINATION OF THE WEAPONS OF WAR WOULD NOT IN ITSELF BE SUFFICIENT TO ABOLISH THE CAUSES OF WAR. IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUITABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE POOR NATIONS AND THE WEALTHY ONES, AND THROUGH OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO EXTEND THE BENEFITS OF CIVILIZATION TO HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF OUR FELLOWMEN THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

THE LIQUIDATION OF THE LAST VESTIGES OF THE COLD WAR, THE APPEARANCE OF NEW CENTRES OF POWER, THE INTEGRATION OF GREAT ECONOMIC BLOCS, AND THE ACTIVE PRESENCE OF ALL NATIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE MARK THE END OF AN AGE IN HISTORY. THE NEW ERA MUST BE BASED ON THE RENOUNCEMENT OF FORCE, ON RESPECT FOR EVERY NATION'S RIGHT TO AUTONOMOUS DEVELOPMENT, AND ON THE INCREASE OF THE KIND OF TRADE THAT LEADS NEITHER TO

SUBJECTION NOR TO DEPENDENCE.

GREATNESS IN THE FUTURE WILL NO LONGER BE A REFLECTION OF REGIONAL POMP OR SPLENDOR. OUR MONUMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS WILL ENDURE ONLY AS LONG AS THEY RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MAJORITY OF MANKIND. THOSE WHICH PROVE CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING REBELLION INTO PROGRESS AND OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE BIRTH OF A TRULY UNIVERSAL CIVILIZATION WILL SURVIVE.

IN VIEW OF THE PERSPECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE, THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND MEXICO SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR OWN NATIONAL GOALS, COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND PROGRESS.

I TRUST THAT MY VISIT WILL HELP TO GIVE NEW IMPULSE TO OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS, WITH CERTAINTY THAT OUR JOINT ACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO BROADEN THE HORIZONS OF THE IDEALS WE SHARE.

ALLOW ME ONCE MORE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY ATTENTIONS I HAVE RECEIVED IN THE NAME OF MEXICO. I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING OF YOUR MAJESTY, AND TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

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